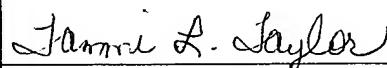




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In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, Applicants amend and remark as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.